

the proposed foreign military sale to the United Arab Emirates of certain defense articles and services.

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Conference Reports:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 6395, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report to accompany the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, December 11, 2020.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 10, 2020.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 258), Allen Dickerson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2025.

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By 92 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 259), Shana M. Broussard, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2023.

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By 50 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 260), Sean J. Cooksey, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2021.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—262)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7377.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EU-U.S. PRIVACY SHIELD

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the invalidation of the European Union-United States Privacy Shield and the future of transatlantic data flows, after receiving testimony from James M. Sullivan, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Noah Phillips, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Victoria Espinel, BSA—The Software Alliance, Washington D.C.; Peter Swire, Georgia Tech Scheller College of Business, Atlanta, on behalf of the Cross-Border Data Forum; and Neil Richards, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Charles W. Cook, Jr., of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Wicker, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

CHALLENGES TO RETIREMENT SECURITY

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy concluded a hearing to examine investigating challenges to American retirement security, after receiving testimony from Scott Barr, Edward Jones, Zanesville, Ohio; Eric Stevenson, Nationwide, Columbus, Ohio; Michael P. Kreps, Groom Law Group, Washington, D.C.; and Joshua Luskin, National Association of Government Defined Contribution Administrators, Lexington, Kentucky.

TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE AND CULTURAL SOVEREIGNTY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine advancing tribal self-governance and cultural sovereignty for future generations, focusing on languages to homelands, after receiving testimony from Brian D. Vallo, Pueblo of Acoma, Acoma, New Mexico; Kirk Francis, United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund, Nashville, Tennessee; and John E. Echohawk, Native American Rights Fund, Boulder, Colorado.

VA RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs response to COVID-19 across the VA enterprise, after receiving testimony from Paul R. Lawrence, Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Richard A. Stone, Executive in

Charge, Veterans Health Administration, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 8906–8930; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 126; and H. Res. 1253–1255, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3632, to ensure that authorizations issued by the Secretary of Transportation to foreign air carriers do not undermine labor rights or standards, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–636); and

H.R. 5756, to amend the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 to extend the provision of assistance for critical services with respect to certain disasters, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–637).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:33 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021, and Other Extensions Act: H.R. 8900, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 343 yeas to 67 nays, Roll No. 240;

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Reaffirming the commitment to media diversity and pledging to work with media entities and diverse stakeholders to develop common ground solutions to eliminate barriers to media diversity: H. Res. 549, reaffirming the commitment to media diversity and pledging to work with media entities and diverse stakeholders to develop common ground solutions to eliminate barriers to media diversity;

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Reliable Investment in Vital Energy Reauthorization Act: H.R. 3361, to amend the Energy Policy

Act of 2005 to reauthorize hydroelectric production incentives and hydroelectric efficiency improvement incentives;

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Tribal Power Act: H.R. 5541, amended, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to reauthorize programs to assist consenting Indian Tribes in meeting energy education, planning, and management needs;

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Timely Review of Infrastructure Act: H.R. 1426, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to address insufficient compensation of employees and other personnel of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;

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Ceiling Fan Improvement Act of 2020: H.R. 5758, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to make technical corrections to the energy conservation standard for ceiling fans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 396 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 241;

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Medical Marijuana Research Act: H.R. 3797, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to make marijuana accessible for use by qualified marijuana researchers for medical purposes;

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Amending title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening: H.R. 1570, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening, and for other purposes.”;

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